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CAUGHT IN THIS PROVINCE.
Embezzling Clerks Plead Guilty in England and Are Sentenced to Long Terms.
London, Oct. 25.—H. B. Christie and W. O. Clark, brokers' clerks, charged with stealing £10,000 in Buenos Ayres bonds and fleeing to Canada, pleaded guilty to-day and were sentenced to three and four years' imprisonment respectively.

Imperial Parliament.

Radical Member Taunted With Serving Boers at Time of Majuba Hill.
Chamberlain Compares British Case With That of the Americans in Cuba.

Hatred of Rhodes Inspiring Transvaal—Davitt Promises to Resign.

By Associated Press.
London, Oct. 25.—The pugnacious spirit animating the public has reached the legislators. Apart from the diversion created by Mr. Davitt there was a lively scene in the house between Mr. Gavin Brown Clark, Radical member for Caithness, ex-agent of the Transvaal, and Major Itach, Conservative member for the Southeast division of Essex. Mr. Clark denied Major Itach's statement that he was in the Boer camp at the time of the fight at Majuba Hill and characterized the assertion as "a sample of the misrepresentation now prevailing." Major Itach promptly replied that his statement was made on the authority of Mr. Clark himself, who told him so six years ago, adding that if Mr. Clark again denied the statement he (the Major) would take the first opportunity of repeating the statement to him outside of parliament, when he could take what stress he liked.
Sir Vernon Harcourt, the former Liberal leader in the house, said he desired to again call attention to the provocation of Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, during the negotiations, in his speech at Highbury.
Mr. Chamberlain replied, repudiating the intention to be provocative and saying he only intended to be plain and free from ambiguity. He added that he only followed in the negotiations the principles observed by all statesmen during the past ten or twenty years. There was a time, he explained, when diplomacy was regarded as given to statesmen to enable them to conceal their thoughts, but that might be called "the old diplomacy," which, he continued, "I absolutely and entirely repudiate." The people are entitled to demand a clear expression of views, and Mr. Chamberlain asserted, there never was the slightest justification for the statement that President Kruger had been in doubt. Mr. Chamberlain then said:
"It was necessary to impress upon President Kruger the seriousness of the step he was called upon to take and the consequences which would follow any mistake on his part. It was not desirable to include in an official despatch collateral suggestions and indications of opinions, but, as in a speech, a similar warning was given by Lord Salisbury to the Sultan at the Guildhall banquet. And I am still absolutely unrepentant. Respecting to-day's speeches, they are simply a rechauffe of old arguments from Irish members, whose boast is that they are England's enemies, and from Radicals, who on principle oppose the war."
Regarding Mr. Davitt, Mr. Chamberlain said he recognized that he had hitherto discussed the matter moderately and sincerely, "and," he added, "I would pay the greatest attention to his arguments in regard to any British war, which are based on his enmity to England. Who would have been the Irish leader in the Spanish-American war, in which Spain showed herself infinitely less capable of defending herself than the Transvaal?"
Here Mr. Redmond, a Parnellite member, shouted: "The Transvaal will not blow up your warship." Mr. Chamberlain retorted:
"The great, almost determining contest between the United States and Spain was fought without the loss of a single American. We have never denied that the Transvaal was a foe worthy of our steel. Not only was the disparity between the forces in the Spanish-American war as great as those now engaged but the contention of the United States was that the right of interference arose from the fact that at some distance from their territory there was oppression, not of American citizens, but of another race, and that justified the intervention of the United States in the mind of the civilized world, or in the eyes of Irishmen and English; but we are interfering on behalf of our own people. It is perfectly certain that Mr. Davitt, but for his hatred of England, would sympathize with us as he did with America."
Mr. Chamberlain then replied to the criticism of his not accepting the medium of Mr. Hofmeyr, the Afrikaner leader, pointing out that while he believed Mr. Hofmeyr sincere, yet he could not forget that when Kruger made "absolutely illusory proposals for a settlement," Mr. Hofmeyr was perfectly ready to accept them. Kruger misled Hofmeyr in promising him proposals which differed materially from those he really presented. The fact, continued Mr. Chamberlain, "been on the part of the Transvaal crookedness altogether incomprehensible if they desired a settlement. I believe that from first to last, President Kruger never intended to give anything approaching equal rights to the white race or any acknowledgment of British supremacy. War, therefore, was inevitable."
"There has been an enormous strain upon us. We are called upon to bring the war to a quick conclusion, and have sent across the sea a force no nation in history ever before sent. This is entirely due to the preparations which made the Transvaal an armed camp and which not only secure it a defensive position but enable it to take the offensive against the large force now engaged. Such a strain could not be continued forever. We should have kept a permanent force of 25,000 men in South Africa. We are told we

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THE CANADIAN REGIMENT.

Now Equipped with Complete Staff—
Capt. Blanchard's Rank—Y. M. C. A. Man for Chaplain.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Oct. 25.—Owing to Major Arnold's seniority over Capt. Blanchard militia orders issued to-day transpose the positions of these officers, Arnold being appointed captain of "A" company and Blanchard lieutenant.
Lt.-Col. Buchanan, London, is appointed senior major; Major Drummond will be junior major, Captain McDougall, Royal Infantry, regiments; adjutant; and Major Biggar, Belleville, paymaster. Special service officers will be Col. Hughes, M. P.; Major Cartwright, Ottawa, and Major Denison, London.
Miss Russell, Hamilton, added to the list of nurses, has just returned from Red Cross work in the Philippines.
Canadian lay dealers have been asked by the home government to tender for 2,000 tons of hay to be delivered in South Africa by Christmas.
It is doubtful now whether any clergyman will go with the contingent.
Dr. Barry, secretary of the College branch of Y.M.C.A. work, has been given a place at the request of the Ontario associations. He will attend to the spiritual welfare of the men.
It is doubtful whether the Sardinian will get away on Tuesday, as the contractors for the clothing will be delayed by the difficulty in getting khaki cloth.

BRITAIN'S FOES
IN EUROPE.

Hint of Meddling in South Africa Answered in Brisk Naval Preparations.

By Associated Press.
London, Oct. 25.—The extent of the British naval preparations causes reiteration of rumors of serious foreign complications. The Associated Press learns, however, that whether or not Great Britain seriously fears French or Russian aggression, the naval preparations have been under consideration several months, and it was the admiralty's intention to put them in force as soon as the war with the Transvaal was declared, deeming it necessary to increase the active strength of the navy in order to ensure the large fleet of transports against every possible contingency.
A dozen cruisers, ranging from six thousand to eleven thousand tons, are now only awaiting the word to embark their crews. In addition to these preparations work on uncompleted vessels is being hurried day and night. The special attention being paid to cruisers is taken by many naval authorities to indicate that Great Britain intends to form a menacing flying squadron, using the term "menacing" because the naval force at sea now is ample to convey transports and thoroughly capable of preventing any interference in South African waters.
The Russian newspapers may be somewhat responsible for the general impression in regard to European intervention, the St. Petersburg Russkaja advocating that Great Britain be brought to her senses by a naval demonstration in South Africa, in which France would take the lead.
London, Oct. 26.—The Times, commenting editorially on the rumor of European intervention, scorns the idea, saying: "No power will lift a finger. The alarming combinations built on our naval movement have no existence save in over-heated imaginations."
Berlin, Oct. 25.—The Tageblatt denies the statement of a Paris paper that Germany, after promising to assist France and Russia for the purpose of intervention in the Transvaal, seems now to withdraw from it. The Tageblatt declares: "We believe we are well informed when we state that the German government did not participate in any combination for intervention."
On the other hand the Neuste Wiener Tageblatt publishes a telegram from the Transvaal, stating that Dr. Leyds has received formal assurance that France and Russia will not permit Great Britain to annex the Transvaal or the Orange Free State. This is contradicted, however, as it is pointed out that even if this were the intention of the powers mentioned they would not allow their hands to be shown prematurely through the medium of Dr. Leyds.

Queenstown, Oct. 25.—The British cruisers Furious, Pelorus and Pactolus sailed from here this afternoon en route to Cape Clear, where they will meet eight battleships and two cruisers of the Channel fleet from the North of Ireland. The fleet will then proceed ostensibly to Gibraltar, but it is thought possibly the fleet's destination is a Spanish or Portuguese port, and the vessels have taken out bills of health from the consuls of these countries.

War News Kept Back.

Uneasiness in London at Evidence That Serious Facts Have Been Concealed.

But Believed That Army Corps Will Speedily Relieve Ladysmith.

Missing Hussars Fight Their Way Back With Losses— Fusiliers Prisoners.

By Associated Press.
London, Oct. 26.—With unconscious humor a Capetown correspondent telegraphed yesterday: "The censorship which always is a delicate matter, is working smoothly and without a hitch." This exactly hits the state of affairs to-day. An ominous veil is still drawn over the movements of General Sir Geo. Stewart White and Gen. Yule. Beyond the belated Ladysmith despatches concerning the Blandslaagte fighting, which are still filtering in, the British public is left in complete darkness and to conjectures over "cooled" war office despatches.
The officials of the war office last evening said that very few despatches have arrived and that nothing further was to be expected until morning. Since it is practically certain that Gen. Yule has now effected a conjunction with Gen. White—although this was not brought about Tuesday night as announced by the Daily Mail, but some time on Wednesday—and as both are now in a position of safety, conjecture concerns itself with the manner of Gen. Yule's retreat. That it was hasty is evident. Was it camp orderly? Was any considerable camp equipment abandoned? Was there any fighting on the way? Such questions and others like them the public are anxiously asking.
Since the receipt of Gen. White's curious first description of the Ladysmith fight in which the British lost a hundred men, little reliance can be placed in the official despatches. What, therefore, the content of the facts regarding Gen. Yule's retreat can be amply justified on the ground of keeping the intelligence from the Boers the hiding of the news respecting the Hussars and fusiliers who were apparently captured in battle at Glencoe, is severely criticized, no intimation having been given that the officers were missing.
The losses of British troops in fighting only 8,000 Boers are cited as showing what rifle fire means in the hands of even undisciplined men who can shoot fairly straight and stand their ground. Comparisons are made with the first employment of the magazine rifle in the Hispano-American war, and it is considered that the American losses at El Caney and San Juan would have been much heavier if the Spaniards had the dogs' stood their ground like the Boers.
Gen. Sir Redvers Buller is expected to arrive at the camp early next week and the indications are that some troops have already arrived at the front and will be in the fighting whose arrival as yet has not been announced. There is every probability therefore that reinforcements are now moving up. This is calculated to hasten Commandant General Joubert's attack on Ladysmith and news of a big battle is daily expected.
About half a complete army corps is now about and a full has occurred in despatching the remainder of Gen. Buller's forces owing to some difficulty in obtaining transports. The mobilization and embarkation of 21,000 men, however, has proceeded with the utmost smoothness and completeness.
Although news has arrived that Gen. Sir Pont Symonds is doing well, there are no indications of his whereabouts. It is presumed that he is in Dundee in the hands of the Boers.

ADVENTURE OF HUSSARS.
The Missing Party Brilliantly Fought Their Way Back Without Three Men and an Officer.
London, Oct. 26.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Ladysmith dated Monday says: "Thirty of the Eighteenth Hussars who were sent to intercept the Boers from Blandslaagte were cut off by the enemy."
Under Sergt. Baldrey they brilliantly fought their way across the Biggarsberg, the enemy pausing and firing at them at a range of 300 yards along the passes. They arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning.
Three of the troop are missing, owing to the break-down of their horses. The Boers used a Maxim, and it is believed a Lieutenant of Hussars was driven back to Glencoe. The Hussars were fired at as far down as Modderspruit."

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BRIAR PIPES.
IN SHOW WINDOWS.
HARRY SALMON'S
THE CORNER.

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Stock Brokers
86 Government Street.

Killed 94, Wounded 490

British Casualties Speak eloquently of Severity of Opening Engagements.

Boer Losses Much Heavier—Three Hundred Slain in Last Big Engagement.

By Associated Press.
London, Oct. 25.—The war office returns show that the total British casualties since the beginning of hostilities reach 597, 18 officers having been killed and 55 wounded, and 76 men killed and 455 wounded. There are 13 unaccounted for. This total, however, does not include the squadron of the Eighteenth Hussars, which went astray near Dundee, and the officers of the Dublin Fusiliers.

The report of heavy losses sent from Rietfontein came as an unpleasant surprise, as Gen. White's telegram to the war office yesterday gave the impression that there was merely a brush.

The war office this evening made public the following despatch sent by Gen. White from Ladysmith, dated 3:50 this afternoon: "The advance guard of the force sent out by me this morning to get into touch with and help Gen. Buller's command was within three miles of that column, which had temporarily halted at Sunday river about noon. I have occupied all the strong positions on the road to Ladysmith, and I have no further anxiety about them. I have received from Lieut. Kendrick, signalling officer of the Queen's regiment, who has ridden, and also from Col. Dartnell, of the Natal police, who accompanied the column, the best account of the spirits and efficiency of the troops, who are very anxious to meet the enemy again. The war office this evening also issued the following: There is nothing to add to Gen. White's description of to-day's engagement, as given in his despatch, except that we now learn the following casualties:

First Gloucester—Col. Wilford, killed; Lieut. Hickie, wounded.
Second Battery Field Artillery—Lieut. Douglas, wounded.
Fifty-third Battery First Artillery—Major Abby, Lieut. Perrean, Lieut. Hobart, wounded.
Ninth Hussars—Lieut. Holford, wounded.

The following casualties occurred among the non-commissioned officers and men:

Fifth Lancers—Wounded, 1.
Nineteenth Hussars—Killed 1, wounded 2.

Artillery—Wounded 5.
First Devonshire Regiment—Killed 1, wounded 5.

First Gloucester Regiment—Killed 7, wounded 52, missing 3.

Natal Volunteers (Cavalry)—Killed 11, wounded 10.

Natal Mounted Rifles—Wounded 2.
Border Mounted Rifles—Killed 2, wounded 10.

We learn from unofficial sources that the following officers, whose absence had not previously been noticed by us, are prisoners in the enemy's hands: Eighteenth Hussars, Lieut. Col. Moller, Major Dreville and Capt. Pollock; Dublin Fusiliers, Capt. Lonsdale, Lieut. Lemoussier, Lieut. Garvie, Lieut. Grimshaw, Lieut. Majendie and Lieut. Shore.

It is presumed that the whole squadron of Eighteenth Hussars, under command of the officers named, were taken prisoners.

Late estimates of the Boer losses at Elandsfontein give 300 killed. The coolness, bravery and good aim of the Boers can be judged from the fact that out of 17 or 18 officers with the half battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, 4 were killed and thirteen wounded, while the casualties among the rank and file were 27 per cent. during less than three hours' fighting. Lieut. Campbell, of the Gordon Highlanders, has since died from his wounds.

Capetown, Oct. 25.—Intelligence received here yesterday from Natal says the bullet has been extracted from the wound of Gen. Symons. He is cheerful and doing well.

London, Oct. 25.—A special despatch from Ladysmith, dated October 23, says the troops of the Eighteenth Hussars, which got astray in pursuing the Boers after the battle of Glencoe, have arrived at Ladysmith, the troopers having fought their way through, with the loss of three horses.

Gen. White telegraphed the war office from Rietfontein, under date of October 24, saying that in the fight near Ladysmith 12 of the British force were killed,

War News

Kept Back.

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shall lose South Africa. Our foreign friends are convinced of it. Yet they are not happy. Such predictions were made in the days of Elizabeth. But I am not alarmed.

"One great Teutonic people want to hold in subjection another great Teutonic people, but this has never been our course. It is impossible to pretend that the Dutch at the Cape are crushed by our rule, but when they have all the rights Englishmen possess, and even in individual cases are permitted to talk and write treason, whatever may be the result of the war, and the premature talk of the result of the present war, does any one imagine that we shall fail to do for others what we claimed for ourselves, or refuse equal rights to the Dutch in the Transvaal as they refused us?" (Cheers.)

RHODES THE OBSTACLE.
During the debate Mr. James H. Dalglish, Liberal member for Kirkcaldy district, expressed the opinion that one of the greatest difficulties in arriving at a settlement with Kruger has been that, rightly or wrongly, Kruger believed Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Cecil Rhodes would be identical. He added that Mr. Chamberlain had given grounds for this belief by suppressing telegrams, whereupon the Colonial Secretary tartly intervened, saying, "I have never suppressed telegrams. I have not got them." Mr. Chamberlain also denied that he refused to see Mr. Montagu, who, he said, he had seen in the Transvaal, who, the Colonial Secretary added, never applied for an audience.

Speaker Gully intervened at this juncture and declared all reference to such matters were out of order.

DAVITT WILL RESIGN.
Mr. Michael Davitt, Irish Nationalist member for South Mayo, announced he would resign to-morrow as a protest against the Boer war.

Mr. Davitt denounced the jingo press and said the war was for the meanest and most mercenary aims and would be known as the greatest crime of the century. He declared if he had been offered Home Rule and an Irish republic he would not accept them if accompanied by the condition that he would vote for the war. As a protest he would ask to be relieved from attendance in the House. He had been in the House for five years trying to obtain justice, and left it convinced that "no cause of justice and right would have the support of the House unless backed by force."

The house by a vote of 221 to 28 passed the second reading of the appropriation bill.

KIMBERLEY FEELS SAFE.
But incessant activity called for to prevent surprise by large Boer force in vicinity.

Capetown, Oct. 25.—Advices from Orange River, Cape Colony, near the Orange Free State border, announce that Boers have taken Klindam, near Barkley West, north of Kimberley, and that Assistant Magistrate Harnsworth and his clerk are prisoners. It is supposed the Boers are advancing on Douglas, further west. The inhabitants of the place are asking protection.

London, Oct. 25.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Kimberley, dated October 21, via Orange River, October 24, says:

"An armored train was engaged this evening. One of our men was killed, and two trucks of dynamite blown from the town for safety, were blown up by the Boers. The Boer loss is unknown. The Boer artillery moved around trying to draw the force covering the town. There was a small engagement, but nothing of consequence happened. We are completely isolated, but as safe as a bank. Not one man has left. Rain is approaching.

"Our troops met the enemy cutting the line to-day and a Maxim gun on a train did good work, and cleared away the wreckers."

Despatches from Kimberley give details of the arrangements made by the British commander, Col. Kekewich, for the defence of the town. Meat consumption is limited to a pound daily. A fire brigade has been formed and its members are prohibited from joining in the defence of the place, as their services are likely to be otherwise required. The townfolk are working ungrudgingly, notwithstanding the sleepless nights and the absence of business. Miles of barbed wire surround the town. The Boers remain out of the reach of the guns.

Advices from Philippstown yesterday say the searchlights of the Kimberley defences were visible the night previous, and therefore Kimberley is intact.

GRANT ALLEN DEAD.
Kingston, Oct. 25.—J. A. Allen, father of Grant Allen, novelist, who lived in England, received a cablegram announcing his son's death.

A GERMAN TRIBUTE.

Roll of Killed and Wounded Shows Gallantry of British Officers—Course in Transvaal Approved.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—The Berliner Neueste Nachrichten describes President Steyn's proclamation as a "false step that may have serious results."

The Kolnische Zeitung pays a tribute for gallantry to the British officers, pointing out that of the German loss in the battle of Spicheren only 4½ per cent. were officers, while at Glencoe and Elandsfontein the English officers killed and wounded formed 14½ per cent. of the total loss.

At a meeting of 3,000 members of the Pan-German and Anti-Semite League at Hamburg to-day, called to protest against the Transvaal war, a despatch was sent to Emperor William full of solemn, patriotic effusion, and urging him to interfere in behalf of the Boers, and postpone his journey to England. The Vossische Zeitung, commenting on this, says: "Vigorous protests should be made against passionate and malevolent treatment of the war, which gives color to the idea that the Germans cannot do enough to show their unity for Great Britain. The majority in this country have nothing in common with the Anglophobes in which the Hamburg meeting waded."

The paper then says that had Prince Bismarck been an English minister he would have acted towards the Boers as the English government has done.

GERMANIC LAID UP.
Steam Barge on the Mersey Comes into Collision with the White Star Liner.

Liverpool, Oct. 25.—The White Star steamer Germanic, Captain Haddock, which was to have sailed from this port today for New York via Queenstown, collided with a steam barge in the Mersey early this morning and was compelled to put back to her dock.

The extent of the damage is not known yet. Details obtained show that the Germanic, as she was leaving the dock to take up her anchorage and get her passengers on board at three this morning, had just cleared the entrance to the dock and was lying across the river when, owing to the fog, the steam barge ran full speed into her port quarter, making a hole two feet square in the hull. The two vessels remained locked together for some time, and when cleared it was seen the Germanic was seriously damaged. Her captain returned with the damaged steamer to the dock and she will not make the trip to New York.

As the Britannic is engaged as a troopship, the Germanic will take the Germanic mails to-morrow.

CAUSES FOR THANKSGIVING.
President McKinley Enumerates Those of the American People.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The customary proclamation by the President setting aside Thursday, November 30, as a day of Thanksgiving was issued to-day. The President says in part: "Seldom has this nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our shores. Liberal employment awaits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the efforts of our farmers. Our commerce has flourished. Our national finances have been strengthened and public credit has been sustained and made firmer. In all branches of industry and trade there has been an unexcelled prosperity, while there has been steady gain in the moral and educational growth of our national character. Our churches and schools have flourished. American patriotism has been exalted. Those engaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been in a large degree spared from disaster and disease. An honorable peace has been ratified with a foreign nation with which we were at war, and we now enjoy friendly relations with every power."

"The trust which we have assumed for the people of Cuba has been faithfully advanced. There has been marked progress toward the restoration of healthy industrial conditions and under wise sanitary regulations the island has enjoyed unusual comfort and freedom from the scourge of fever. While the insurrection still continues in the island of Luzon, business is resuming its activity and commerce in the good purposes of the United States is being rapidly established throughout the archipelago."

SHERLOCK HOLMES RIVALLED.
Given Name and Address Railway Detective Has Prospect of Identifying Suspect.

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CANADA'S GRAIN ROUTE.
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NEW MINISTERS' SEATS.
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LOST—On Saturday, between Cedar Hill and Atlin, a boy's coat. Please leave at Colman office, and receive reward. 625

STRAYED—Onto the farm of Wm. Steinberg, Jr., South Saanich, East road, one black and fawn Jersey cow about 6 years old, and one black and white cow, 4 years old. Also one fawn-colored Jersey heifer about 2½ years old, branded W on right hip, with a calf about 10 days old. The above may be seen at Fisher & Glass, Mount Pleasant Dairy, Cedar Hill road. If not claimed in 10 days the above will be sold by public expenses. 619

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College of Physicians and Surgeons.—An examination of Candidates for registration under the Medical Act will be held at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 31st, at 10 o'clock. The Registrar will attend at the Board of Health rooms, Parliament Buildings, on Monday, Oct. 30th, from 10 to 12, and 2 to 4, to examine Diplomas and receive names and fees. For further particulars apply to Dr. J. E. Fulton, registrar and secretary, New Westminster, or to Dr. J. A. Duncan, treasurer, Victoria.

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THE VOLUNTEER FUND.

The patriotic liberality of the citizens of Victoria has enabled the committee having the matter in charge to present Capt. Blanchard with \$225, and each member of the Victoria half company with \$75. Of these sums \$25 was handed to each man at the Drill hall on Sunday night, and the balance will be telegraphed to-day to Capt. Blanchard at Quebec. The Bank of British Columbia and the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company, through which the remittance is to be made, will make no charge.

The committee met and closed its accounts yesterday, and therefore no additional subscriptions can be received. The committee were unanimous in hearty commendation of the public-spirited manner in which the appeal to the public was responded to. We think that the citizens generally recognize the excellent work done by the committee in enabling them to give so fine a send-off to the brave fellows who have gone to the front.

THE WAR.

Yesterday's despatches professing to give an account of what is transpiring in South Africa were evidently made to order. It is all very well to suggest that the censorship at Ladysmith is withholding news, but there is no censorship on the line from Pretoria to Lorenzo Marquez, and we may be very sure that if the situation were at all favorable to the Boers, news to that effect would long ago have reached the outside world.

Stress has been laid upon the proclamation of President Steyn of the Orange Free State, declaring Bechuanaland annexed to that country. If such a proclamation has been issued, the meaning of it is very plain. It was intended to keep the courage of the Boers up to the fighting point, and to pave the way for a call upon the Capetown Dutch to resist. It was a trick to minimize the effect of the severe blow inflicted upon the Boer forces at Glencoe and Elands-laagte.

As is usual in the dearth of other news, the correspondents of the Associated Press are serving up a readable lot of matter about Great Britain being about to be involved in European complications. One would think that this story had been told often enough. It crops up on every conceivable occasion, and there is probably no more truth in it now than there ever was. If exceptional naval preparations are being made, the explanation doubtless is that the Imperial government being engaged in war proposes to be armed at all points to guard against possibilities, and not in dread of probabilities. Reports from Berlin are completely at variance with the suggestion of European intervention.

Some little anxiety has been felt as to the fate of the troop of the Eighteenth Hussars, which pursued the Boers after the Glencoe fight, and it was reported that they had been captured; but according to a Ladysmith despatch they have returned in safety.

Kimberley was quite safe at last accounts, and so was Mafeking.

Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal in Europe, claims that the Boers have 100,000 men in the field. He puts the Transvaal regular force, including the police, at 38,000 men. According to the official returns of 1894 the total number of able-bodied men in the Transvaal between the ages of 18 and 50 was only 40,000, and it is not supposable that 38,000 of these are in the field. The total number of burghers available for service in the Orange Free State in 1894 was 17,381. Dr. Leyds puts the Free State force at double this number.

Then he counts in 11,000 British Boers, and fills up his list with about 15,000 foreigners. His statement is undoubtedly a gross exaggeration.

That is a curious despatch which comes from Pretoria to the effect that it is not yet too late to effect a settlement, as the Boers have been misled as to the real issue. This may be a case where coming events cast their shadow before.

The Khalifa has concluded not to face the music again, and has fled from his position at Tel-El-Bir. This will greatly stimulate the Egyptian forces, for there were no British troops in the corps which marched against him.

PETER MITCHELL.

The death is announced of the Hon. Peter Mitchell, minister of marine and fisheries in Sir John Macdonald's first cabinet. Mr. Mitchell was a man of great force of character and no small ability. He narrowly missed being a great statesman. He was an adroit political manager, and a keen and incisive debater. His weakness lay in his inability to inspire personal confidence and this was augmented by his irregular manner of living. In business as in politics he was meteoric, and therefore, while at times in the enjoyment of exceptional opportunities to amass wealth, the latter part of his life was clouded by financial difficulties.

Yet to Peter Mitchell Canada owes a debt of gratitude. To him may be attributed the consummation of confederation. Those who are familiar with Canadian history know that the success or failure of the confederation scheme hinged upon the action of New Brunswick. There was little use of Upper and Lower Canada thinking of a union with Nova Scotia, while New Brunswick held aloof from the partnership, lying as that province does between Nova Scotia and the remainder of the Dominion. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the legislative council of New Brunswick and one of the delegates to Quebec in 1864 at the time the terms of union were agreed upon. In the general election which followed, and at which confederation was the issue, New Brunswick declared against the scheme by an overwhelming majority. At "the psychological moment," Peter Mitchell came to the front and in his place in the legislative council and on platforms throughout the province advocated the union. It was his advice that led Lieut.-Governor Gordon to break with the anti-confederate majority and grant a dissolution of the house to his successors. The ensuing election was a great triumph for the confederates and made possible the London Conference of 1866, at which the British North America Act was drawn up.

At the first election for the House of Commons Mr. Mitchell, who had entered the cabinet, was returned for Northumberland, N.B. Although he did excellent work in his department, his political fortunes began to wane very soon after this, and, defeated in Northumberland, he in 1885 became proprietor of the Montreal Herald, which he conducted for some years with moderate success. At one time he acted as broker for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1897 he was made inspector of fisheries for Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the position having been created for him with the approval of both political parties.

Mr. Mitchell was born at Newcastle, N.B., in 1824. He first entered the legislature in 1856. As a young man he was associated with the men who fought the battle for responsible government. He always ranked himself with the Liberal party, and it was the presence of such men as he in the first Dominion cabinet that led to the formation of the Liberal-Conservative party.

MINES AND MINERS.

We find in the *Shewan Mining Review* of the 14th inst. a conservative but forceful statement of the mining situation in that part of the province. The Review addresses itself to thinking people, and even those who may not agree with its conclusions cannot fail to recognize its fairness. The article is in marked contrast to a class of writing much in favor in the demagogic press, which seeks by a cheap smartness and a plethora of epithets to hide the real issue between the mine owners and the miners. Our contemporary repeats what has frequently been stated in these columns, namely, that up to the time of the passage of the eight-hour law there was "satisfaction between employer and employee" and it adds that the wages paid were the highest in the world "with perhaps a couple of exceptions that can be explained on local conditions." It thinks that, as the eight-hour law is so popular, it might be well for all classes to agitate for the application of the law to all classes of industry; but it couples this with the proviso that there should be no penal clause in the law to perpetrate "the injustice of preventing the industrial classes from selling their labor as they like."

We learn from other sources that men who are willing to work for less wages than the Miners' Union demands are being constantly interfered with, and we have been asked to state what the law is on this subject. In the case of Lyons & Sons vs. Wilkins et al decided in the Chancery division during the present year the law was fully examined, and the Master of Rolls, in delivering judgment on an application for "a perpetual injunction to restrain the defendants from watching or besetting either the plaintiffs' works or the works of sub-manufacturer for them for any other purpose except merely to obtain or communicate information," the injunction being sustained by the Full Court on appeal, said that it is a nuisance at Common Law to watch or beset a man's

house with a view to compel him to do or not to do that which it is lawful for him to do or not to do, and the reason given is that such watching or besetting interferes with ordinary human comfort. For committing such a nuisance the Criminal Code of Canada provides a penalty of three months' imprisonment or \$100 fine and persons could be enjoined from committing them here just as in Great Britain. In *Charnock vs. Court* it was held that waiting at a steamer to induce men not to go to work was illegal, and in *Walters vs. Green* the court went further and declared that the intercepting of men was an offence even though the action was not directed against any particular firm. The law as laid down in these cases would undoubtedly be held to apply to British Columbia.

Mr. Aaronson's complaint against Mr. St. Clair is very satisfactorily answered by Mr. Eaton. Mr. Aaronson will be as much pleased as any one else.

The Times says that the public will continue to look to the evening paper for the news of the war. This is as it may be; but we know that they continue to read it in the Colonist.

The government assay office in Seattle has handled over \$17,000,000 in gold since July 15, 1898. As this is chiefly Canadian gold, it occurs to us that the Dominion government has a duty to discharge in this connection.

Sunday's San Francisco Examiner had an extremely clever cartoon. It reproduces in miniature the page from the Saturday Examiner giving the account of the battle of Elands-laagte, and shows Gen. Otis reading it with quaking knees and an amazed expression on his face. The legend is "Hully Gee! Is that the way to do it?"

The Times mentions that sneering remarks are being addressed on the streets to some of the members of the Fifth Regiment who did not volunteer. We had also heard of this, and, while regretting that anything of the kind should occur, assume that the observations are not intended seriously. But under any circumstances they are in very bad taste. The conditions surrounding volunteering for the South African service were such that only a comparatively small number could comply with them. We beg to assure the members of the Fifth Regiment who did not volunteer that no one in any way doubts their courage and patriotism or their readiness to do their duty to their flag and country.

Diary of the War.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10—
Kruger issues his ultimatum
Troops from India arrive at Ladysmith.
Laing's Nek occupied by the Boers.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11—
Orange Free State troops enter Natal.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12—
War formally declared by the Transvaal.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13—
Gen. Heoch with Boer force occupies Bothas Pass.
Capt. Nesbitt's armored train captured by the Boers.
Col. Fitz Clarence checks Boer advance near Mafeking.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14—
Mafeking invested by the Boers.
Fighting near Mafeking and Spitzfontein.
Boers occupied Spitzkop, near Newcastle.
Kimberley invested by the Boers.
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SUNDAY, OCT. 15—
Boers repulsed at Spruitfontein.
Vryburg occupied by the Boers.
Boers repulsed near Mafeking.

MONDAY, OCT. 16—
Boers advance on Glencoe.
Boer repulse at Mafeking reported.
Boers invade Rhodesia.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17—
Armored train repulses Boers near Kimberley.
Desultory outpost skirmishes near Glencoe.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18—
Engagement at Aton Holmes and Leicester, in Natal.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19—
Boers blow up bridges at Fourteen Streams and Modder River.
Natal Carbineers and Border Mounted Rifles engage the Boers near Ladysmith.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20—
Battle of Talana Hill (Glencoe)—Boers defeated.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21—
Battle of Elands-laagte—Boers defeated.
Engagement near Mafeking—British successful.
Boers attack Glencoe and are defeated.
Armored train engages the Boers near Kimberley.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24—
British artillery engages the Boers on Newcastle road.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25—
Reported that Gen. White successfully attacked Free State troops.

SALE OF TIMBER LIMITS.

Big Sales of Ontario Timber at Toronto—The Purchasers.

A despatch from Toronto says: "At the board of trade rooms to-day there was assembled a large number of buyers from New York state, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, also a large contingent of the leading bankers and business men, who were brought together through the sale of Comstock Bros.' timber limits on the Spanish and Vermilion rivers. The buyers included the full townships of Trill and Elmatinger, which were full berths of 36 square miles each. Elmatinger was withdrawn and Trill was sold, with the townships of Nairn and Foster, which were in eight berths of nine square miles each.

Mr. Peter Ryan, of Toronto, was the auctioneer, and it is needless to say he brought into play the ability for which he possesses a continental reputation as a seller of timber properties. After a few words from the auctioneer on the growing scarcity of northern pine and the character of the limits he was about to offer, he called for bids, when the competition became keen, and in a few minutes the whole of the parcels were sold, embracing in all 108 square miles, for \$700,000—or about \$6,500 per square mile. This average is the highest ever

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reached at any sale in Ontario, and the sale has made the value of Ontario pine higher than in any other period in the history of the trade.

The chief buyers were the Victoria Harbor Co., Toronto; Mr. Beck, Penetanguishene; Messrs. Burroughs, of Saginaw, Mich.; B. W. Gilchrist, Alpena, Mich.; Churchill, Alpena, Mich.; Fisher, Bay City, Mich.; Milne, Detroit, Mich.; and J. R. Booth, Ottawa, Ont.

It was generally understood that Mr. Ryan purchased the limits from Comstock Bros. for \$500,000 in September, and at the termination of the sale he was warmly congratulated by his friends on the result of his pluck and confidence in the purchase.

PECULIAR AND PERTINENT.

In Slam the very choicest of tobacco is not to be purchased, it being reserved for the use of the King and the chief officers of state.

A London pigeon recently took possession of a Union Jack, kept in the bell-ringing room of St. Clement Dane's church for use on festive occasions, in order to spare herself the trouble of building a nest. On this flag she deposited two eggs, which she hatched successfully.

The most important discovery made by the Harriman scientific party in Alaska was that glaciers are receding. A hitherto unknown fiord with a beautiful stream running into it was named after Mr. Harriman. Many animals supposed to be rare were found to be plentiful in Alaska.

The Czarina has a shawl which she values very highly. It was sent her by the ladies of Orenburg, a town in Southwestern Russia. It reached her in a wooden box with silver hooks and hinges, the outside being embellished with designs of spears, turbans, whips, etc., on a ground of blue camel, that color being the color of the Cossack uniform. The shawl is about 10

Concert=St. James' Hall
For the Benefit of James Bay Church.
Thursday Evening at 8.
ADMISSION 25 CENTS.

The following ladies and gentlemen will take part: Mrs. Tomkinson, in patriotic selections; Miss Armeson; Miss Lombard; Miss Nellie Lazarin; Mr. Kent; Mr. Williams, who will sing "Tommy Atkins," with chorus by soldiers in uniform. "The Mistletoe Bough" will be presented in a series of tableaux.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE BRITISH PACIFIC GOLD PROPERTY COMPANY, Limited Liability, desires to announce that it has opened for purchase by the Public a new block of 250,000 shares of Treasury Stock at 10 cents per share, the current market price of this stock since organization.

THE COMPANY'S OFFER IS TO RETURN THE AMOUNT PAID FOR TREASURY STOCK TO SUBSCRIBERS THEREFOR IN DIVIDENDS IN FULL BEFORE ANY DIVIDENDS ARE DECLARED IN RESPECT OF ANY OTHER PORTION OF ITS STOCK.

In order that Victorians generally may avail themselves of THIS UNEQUALLED OFFER, and reap the benefit to be derived from the development of one of THE MOST REMARKABLE MINERAL PROPERTIES IN THE PROVINCE, NAMELY, THE NEW YORK GROUP, PORT HUGHES, WEST COAST VANCOUVER ISLAND, this company has decided to allow persons preferring to do so to purchase shares within the next three months upon THE INSTALLMENT PLAN, that is to say, BY PAYING ONE CENT PER SHARE PER MONTH UNTIL THE FULL AMOUNT IS PAID.

One from this property ASSAYS 32.56 PER CENT IN COPPER, BESIDES GOLD AND SILVER, and has recently obtained a MEDAL AND DIPLOMA OF HONOR at Earl's Court Exhibition, London.

For specimens of ore and assays, prospectus, engineer's reports and quarterly statements and other information respecting this and other properties of the company, and the company itself, apply at the Company's Office, No. 28 Broad Street, Victoria, B. C.

REMOVED.

JOHN BARNESLEY & CO. have removed to their new premises, No. 115 Government street, where will be found the largest stock of Sporting Goods in the Province. Telephone No. 663.

IN THE GOODS OF MICHAEL POWERS.

Deceased, Intestate.
and in the matter of the Official Administrators' Act.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Thursday, the 26th day of October, 1899, for the purchase of the license, furniture, stock in trade and good will of the saloon business lately carried on by the above deceased upon the premises known as the "Garrick's Head," Bastion Street, Victoria.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Tenders to be accompanied by marked cheque for 10 per cent. of the purchase price.

Purchaser to arrange terms with bond-lord as to continuation of tenancy.
Transfer of license to be at purchaser's expense.

Dated the 18th October, 1899.
WILLIAM MONTEITH,
Official Administrator.

The Pope Stationery Co.

119 GOVERNMENT ST.
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UP-TO-DATE BOOK AND STATIONERY STORE. SCHOOL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES, PERIODICALS, ETC.

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To purchase on easy terms a nice two-story house, nine rooms, bathroom upstairs.
Fine situation within 10 minutes' walk of postoffice.
\$2,900.00; cash \$300.00, balance and interest payable \$25.00 per month.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders will be received up to 12 o'clock noon of Monday, 30th inst., for stone and brick building on Yates street, for Thomas Earle, Esq.

Plans and specifications can be seen at my office.
Lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.

THOMAS HOOPER.

JOHN KENNEDY.

Stand: Express for Hire.
Yates Street.

Spencer's

Friday...

Bargains.

- 15 Boys' Fauntleroy Suits, regular \$2.50,Friday \$1.75
- 13 Boys' Velvet Suits, Special....Friday \$2.50
- 18 Boys' Tweed SuitsFriday \$2.65
- (The above are all assorted sizes, for boys from 3 to 10 years old.)
- 75 pair Men's Tweed Pants, fine stripes, almost every size, worth in the regular way at least \$3.50 Friday \$1.90
- White Bed Spreads, 3 specials, \$1.50, 1.90, 2.75
- Ladies' Linen Collars, Chemisettes, etc., many were 75 an cents each....Friday, 5cts. each.
- 24 dozen Hat Whisks, the only whisk that does not injure velvets and silks, regular price 25cts Friday 15c.
- 30 Ladies' Long Satin Puff Ties, regular price, 65c.Friday 25c
- 300 pieces Crockery, Mugs and Ornaments, special, Friday 5 cents
- A lot of Braid Ornaments, were marked up to \$1.00 Friday 5 cents.
- 12 boxes Infants' Wool Bcotees and Infantees, regular 25c.....Friday 10 cents
- 125 yards Fancy Pleated Chiffon, all colors, regular 50 and 60 cents.....Friday 25 cents
- 300 yards Wool Cloth Dress Goods, regular 65, 75 and 85 cents.....Friday 50 cents
- 100 yards Fine Wool Cloth, regular \$1.50 to \$2 00,Friday 1.00
- 20 rolls Japan Matting, linen warp, regular 25 centsFriday 15cents.

New goods opened up every day; to-morrow we shall show two cases of Children's Cream and Colored Coats, Plush, Bedford Cord, etc., from \$2 00 to \$8 50. This is a specially fine lot of coats for children from 2 to 5 years old.

Also Feather Boas at 75c., \$1.50 and \$2 50.

Men's Lined Kid Gloves, Dents' own make, at \$1 25 and \$1.50 per pair.

Stock of Ladies' and Misses' Jackets and Costumes is now complete.

D. SPENCER,
Government St.

THE BEST POLICY BEST COMPANY MUTUAL LIFE ...Heisterman & Co. District Managers

VICTORIA TIDES.
[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Thursday, Oct. 26.		Friday, Oct. 27.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
2:50 a.m.	3.7 feet.	3:40 a.m.	4.5 feet.
11:20 a.m.	8.0 feet.	11:45 a.m.	8.0 feet.
3:00 p.m.	7.0 feet.	4:00 p.m.	6.2 feet.
6:00 p.m.	7.2 feet.	8:00 p.m.	7.2 feet.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

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If you have beauty, I will take it.

If you have none, I will make it.

Savannah, Photo.

Best Lawn Mowers at Cheapside.

Smoke "Nugget Cigar." Meiss & Co.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental.

Drink "Hondl," purest and best of Ceylon teas.

"Rickshaw" Ceylon Tea at Jameson's, 33 Fort Street.

Air Tight Stoves, perfect beauties, at Clarke & Pearson's.

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Hot lunch at the Manhattan from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Hotel Willows, Cadboro Bay road. Respected by Geo. H. Prescott.

When you require sporting goods ring up Telephone 645, Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

Mountain Pens.—A really good fountain pen for \$1.25. Coin refunded if not satisfactory. The Victoria Book and Stationery Co. (late Jamieson's.)

How men are foolish enough to tell the readers of a great family journal untruths about their goods. If they do they are soon found out. "HONDl" Ceylon Tea is as represented—therefore kept always before you.

Reduced Rates to the East.—Over the Northern Pacific Railroad, effective September 12, the second-class rate to Chicago will be reduced to \$46; second-class rates to all points east of Chicago will be reduced also. E. E. Blackwood, agent.

Hunt Club's Season.—The members of the Victoria Hunt Club are to meet for their first run of the season at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon at Swallowfield, Haddon street. On the following Saturday the muster will be at Work Point barracks.

Will Build a New Home.—As soon as the brick block now building at the corner of Government and Fisgard streets is completed, work will be commenced on another somewhat pretentious brick and stone structure immediately adjoining for one of the large Tongue or secret orders. The new society hall will fill in the vacant space between the Government street corner property and the Market yard—so-called.

We carry only the purist of drugs, and we exercise every precaution in filling prescriptions. Our motto is quality first and always. The New Drug Store, F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government st.

St. James' Concert.—The preparations made for the concert in St. James' hall to night are such that a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated. The fact that Mrs. Tomkinson will give two recitations ought to ensure a large audience, for her talents in this line are exceptional. Some of our best vocal soloists will take part in the programme, and "Tommy Atkins," by a chorus of men in uniform, will be particularly timely. A very interesting feature will be beautiful scenes of tableaux illustrating that saddest of all stories known as "The Mistake House."

Want a Magistrate.—The managers of a number of Skeena river canneries had a conference with Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, member for the district, in the parlour of the Hotel Victoria yesterday, and laid before him the necessity of appointing a stipendiary magistrate for the Skeena districts. There are a number of justices of the peace there, but it is hard to get two of them together to try a case, and very often their commitments are quashed on account of flaws. This gives the canners considerable trouble, as the men—particularly the Japs—when under liquor are liable to run riot. During the strike last season a number of canners went unharmed, and the men even cut the nets in the water and on the rocks. The canners hope to meet Attorney-General Henderson to-day and point out to him the urgency of the case. There were present at the meeting yesterday G. S. McTavish, manager of the Windsor cannery, Aberdeen; W. P.

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Skills, manager of the Inverness can- nery, L. U. Coyne, manager of the Balmoral, W. R. Lord, manager of the North Pacific, and Frank Hendrix, manager of the Standard.

Hospital Directors.—A meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital will be held to-morrow evening at the board of trade rooms.

Fractured His Skull.—Saul Martin, a marine fireman recently employed on the Queen City, was found lying unconscious on the ground under the rear windows of the Telegraph hotel (where he roomed) yesterday morning. Investi- gation proved that he had fallen out of one of the upper windows, and that his skull was fractured. He had been drinking heavily during the previous evening, and came home so intoxicated that he had to be put to bed by the night bar-tender. The supposition is that he became ill, and going to the window, overbalanced and fell. Constables Abbott and Munro conveyed the unfortunate man to the Jubilee hospital.

Continually Improving.—"Better than ever—all except the first part," is the verdict of the Savoy patrons who have seen this week's bill. The farce is undeniably weak, but afterwards the merit of the vaudeville features is thorough compensation. Among the new people, Wards and Emerson do an aerial act that is at once daring, original and full of that mystic element, "thrill." Ruby Rajee sings and dances with chic and vivacity, and Flora Franks, still another "new woman," is seen in some admirable character comedy. Miss Strong, Miss Ellis, Miss Rockwell and all the other popular stand-bys have fitting work. Next week's viroesses the return of the three "Flying Banvards."

Have You Noticed It?—Victoria, if anyone took the trouble to properly advertise the fact, is in possession of a natural curiosity that in any British land should attain celebrity. It is a freak of nature, "if the expression be permissible, and a drive or walk along the beach road from Oak Bay to Shoal Bay makes a view possible at any time, and without an admission fee. Coming round the steep bluff from Oak Bay and into view of Shoal Bay, one has only to glance at the opposite headland and exercise the imagination very slightly to recognize in the outline of the rock an excellent profile portrait of England's Grand Old Man, the late Hon. W. E. Gladstone. The head is recumbent, and from just the right position, and especially when the background of light is clear, the portrait is a perfect one.

THANKS.

To the Editor of the Colonist.

Sir: Permit us to extend to you our best thanks for the able manner in which you draw attention to the compilation of a new voters' list for the city of Victoria, which greatly assisted in the collection of votes and was of great aid in making the list as complete as circumstances would permit within the time allowed.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN, J. H. TURNER, RICHARD HALL, A. E. McPHILLIPS.

MR. ST. CLAIR'S QUESTION.

He Said "Sheep-Faced Dude." Not "Flat-Faced Jew," as Under- stood by Children.

Mr. Frank H. Eaton, superintendent of city schools, yesterday held an investigation into the charge contained in a letter to the Colonist yesterday from Mr. A. A. Aaronson, that Physical In- structor St. Clair, while drilling a class, asked: "Which would you sooner be, a flat-faced Jew or a Canadian soldier?" and then assuming a mimical gait, said: "This is the way the Jews walk—with a clear in their mouths and the tobacco saliva running out of the corners of their mouths."

Inspector Eaton found that the boys understood Mr. St. Clair to use the remarks contained in Mr. Aaronson's letter, but upon hearing Mr. St. Clair's explanation, thought it quite likely that what he really had said was: "Which would you rather be, a Canadian soldier or sheep-faced dude?" This latter question teachers in other schools had heard Mr. St. Clair ask.

In connection with the matter Superintendent Eaton writes to the Colonist:

Sir: Kindly insert the following explanation of the circumstances referred to in Mr. Aaronson's letter published this morning. Yesterday Mr. St. Clair gave the boys of one of his classes a bit of impersonation, contrasting the manly bearing of the soldier with the ordinary conception of the dude, and then asked: "Which would you rather be, a Canadian soldier or sheep-faced dude?" Quite a number of the boys understood him to say Jews, and so reported him. Mr. Aaronson's letter was founded in good faith upon this misunderstanding on the part of the boys. One has only to think of the various ways in which the word dude is pronounced, from dude at one extreme to food at the other—and similarly with due, dual, etc.—to see how easily, with the best of intentions all round, such a mistake might have occurred.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK H. EATON, Superintendent City Schools.

Oct. 25, 1899.

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Prices: \$1.00, 1.25, 2.00 and 2.50 each.

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100 Government street, near Yates street.

A Handsome Subscription.

Stay at Home Citizens Give Substantial Token of Re-gard for Volunteers.

Messages From the Train Show All Well—Nationality of the Recruits.

The committee having in charge the collection of subscriptions for the Victoria Transvaal contingent met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and closed up the subscription list. The members present were Senator Templeman (chairman), H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P.P.; C. H. Luzzin, Geo. Jeeves, J. G. Tarkis, Chas. Hayward, treasurer; and Herbert Cuthbert, secretary. The total amount subscribed is \$2,164. 25, nearly the whole of which has been paid in. It is hoped that before noon to-day every cent subscribed will have been paid and if so the balance of the money will be telegraphed the boys to-day.

The committee's plan is to telegraph to Capt. Blanchard \$50 for each of his men, making with what they have received \$75 each. The committee also decided to telegraph to Capt. Blanchard for his own use \$200, making the present to him, with what he has received, \$225. This is following the example set by other cities of Canada of giving the officer, on account of his extra expenses, a proportionately larger amount than given to the men. Each member of the contingent will also receive from the committee a photograph of the group.

Victorians may well feel proud of the patriotism of the citizens in supplementing the greatest "send-off" in the West with so substantial a presentation. The balance sheet is expected to be published to-morrow. In the meantime each subscriber is requested to look carefully through the list and if his name is not there to notify the chairman, treasurer or secretary of the committee at once.

"Our Boys" on active service list appear to be having a triumphant progress through the province and the prairies on their Eastward journey—at least that is the impression to be gained from the few bulletins that they send back to cheer the folks at home. Here is one message dropped to the operator at Field in the early hours yesterday:

"Smiles everywhere. The serious Gamble denies extravagant osculation. Cornwall solicited as to where he comes in. Dickinson's swaggar the sensation of the hour. Norcott decorated with flowers and overwhelmed with confusion at Revelstoke. Contingent came into action for first time at Glacier—saw and heard and therefore saw and heard and engaged. Scott always on the watch."

Another message states that Private Seymour Hastings O'Dell has been appointed special secretary to the contingent—also to act for them as general correspondent. In this new official capacity he wires from Medicine Hat:

"All the boys are well and cheerful. Our programme is: Called at 7:30 a.m. turn in and lights out 10 p.m. Kamloops gave a patriotic welcome to the contingent as they came in, the band (with a sad off-key trombone) playing national airs, and everybody cheering enthusiastically."

"Kamloops added two men to the company—H. P. Hicks and R. B. Campbell, while Revelstoke supplies two more—W. H. Moodie and G. H. Wilkins. Large crowds also turned out at Calgary, where the train is gaily and appropriately decorated with flags and streamers."

In connection with the company the home news fresh every morning, the following is received.

Medicine Hat, N.W.T., Oct. 25, "Colonist, Victoria:

"We all thank you for the news bulletins and deeply regret to hear of the death of Mr. Greig. Good for Dawson!—Seymour H. O'Dell."

Statistics are always of some interest, and will be of many interested persons in knowing that of the British Columbia contingent some seventeen were born in old Albion, the English-born being in the majority. Next to them come the Ontario boys, fifteen in number, and then the six Native Sons of British Columbia. The remainder of the contingent is made up thus: Scotland, 4; England, 3; United States, 2; New Zealand, 2; New Brunswick, 1; Germany, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; Quebec, 1; and South Wales, 1. The last mentioned soldier is Private Court of this city, who was erroneously credited to Ireland before. He was for a considerable time in the Navy, or rather the Royal Marine Light Infantry, seeing service on the China station and also in the Hongkong police department.

Native of the Tropics.—While some bananas were being unpacked in F. R. Stewart & Co.'s wholesale store on Yates street yesterday morning, a monster adder fell on the floor and called himself up ready for action. It had been in hiding on the stool, and in an attempt to escape struck the man open- ing the crate on the hand, giving him quite a fright, but fortunately not stinging him. The strange feature of the case is that the adder had kept in hiding so long, for the bananas had been all gone over and re-shipped at Vancouver, and that though receiving big quantities of fruit every month for years, it is the first Messrs. Stewart & Co. have ever found. They have presented it to the provincial museum, where it will form an interesting curio, its length—2 feet 6 inches—being considerably greater than that of the average specimen.

SHORT STORY ON GOOD VALUE.

The greatest tonic value of the day is found in the reliable Violett's Invalid's Port Wine. It is a good tonic at a reasonable price.

PEMBERTON & SON,

Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents

TO LET:

HEAD STREET, Esquimalt Rd. 10 room house with tennis lawn, garden and Stabling.

SCORESBY ST. 6 room cottage in first class order, and very convenient.

MOSS STREET, large house and grounds.

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Ladies' Capes, Jackets and Costumes

Also the Latest Styles in

French and American Millinery

WE GIVE TRADING STAMPS

The STERLING 88 Yates St.

MAY EXPLAIN BINGS MURDER.

Story That Indian Attempted a Similar Crime a Few Days Previously.

Although the detectives are not disposed to discuss the progress of their investigations for the benefit of the public, it is well within the bounds of possibility that the next week or ten days will witness an arrest that may ultimately prove of considerable importance in the solution of the Mrs. Agnes Bings murder mystery.

Not that the prisoner-to-be in this instance is known to have been identified in any way with the reservation tragedy, but because he is charged with an assault indicating incidentally a parallel distortion of mind.

As yet only the merest suggestion of the nature of this new case can be published—but it is sufficiently definite in character as to give the officers a renewal of hope.

A West Coast Indian named Dick had been in town for some days—this being shortly before the murder on the reservation—accompanied by his wife and two near relatives, whether his aunt and uncle or his nephew and niece does not at present seem clear.

Three days before the death of Mrs. Bings, Dick procured a bottle of liquor, going for it to a place on Store street, and engaging a room at a Johnson street hotel of the no-questions-asked variety, took the two women to it.

After a few drinks together Dick then sent his wife away on some pretext, and plugging the other woman with liquor assaulted her and was proceeding to attempt a fiendish mutilation when her calls for help caused him to desist.

If report be correct, the statement of the Indian woman to the above effect is now in the possession of Superintendent Vowell of the department of Indian affairs, who has communicated its contents to Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police. The immediate arrest of the Indian Dick has been ordered, and a constable will go to the West Coast at once to execute a warrant.

Dick and his party are said to have gone to Cloossee the morning after the reservation tragedy.

FOR SALE

Badminton Hotel.

The undersigned, acting for the Creditors of Lely & Co., Insolvents, offers for sale by private tender the equity of redemption in the buildings and lands of the above Hotel, together with the furniture, fixtures, stock and good will.

This is a rare opportunity to obtain a first-class Hotel as a going concern, all in good condition and recently refitted throughout. It has at present a splendid run of patronage and under careful management will easily earn \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 per annum net profit.

Bulk tenders for the entire concern are required to be in the hands of the Assignee on or before Wednesday, November 8th. Further information may be had upon application at the office of the Badminton Hotel.

FREDERICK BUSCOMBE, Assignee, Lely & Co.

LOVE FOR MUSIC.

Have you a desire for the best of music? Do you appreciate the perfect tone which is possible from our perfect instruments? You will find perpetual pleasure from our perfect pianos. No musician but admires them. No one but is interested in the price. We will give you quality, and save you money at the same time.

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"SUNSHINE - POLISH"

It cleans a window in a minute, it polishes your silver of all descriptions without much labor, it cleans mar- ble without injury, polishes brass, copper, steel better than the best. Try a cake; ask your dealer for it, and you never will be without it.

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Shetland Wool, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per suit

Lamb's Wool, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per suit

Natural Wool, \$2.00 and \$3.00 per suit

Heavy Black Cashmere Sox, 25c. per pair

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Again Friday and Saturday

and as usual our two day bargains which are looked forward to by the shopping public as regularly as the weeks roll around. This time

TOWELS.

You can't get along without Towels, so get them when they are cheap

Note a few prices for Friday and Saturday.

Extra Fine Linen Huck Towels, fringed, regular 25c each. Friday and Saturday, \$1.90 per doz.

Pure Linen Flax Huck Towels, plain and fancy ends, cheap at 25c. Friday and Saturday, \$1.75 per doz.

All Linen Hemmed Ends, regular 20c each. Friday and Saturday, \$1.75 per doz.

White Damask Towels, tied fringe, regular 65c. Friday and Saturday, 45c each.

Oatmeal Linen Towels, blue or red ends, extra size. Friday and Saturday \$2.50 per doz.

White Turkish, regular 35c. Friday and Saturday, \$3.00 per doz.

White Turkish, 65c. \$1.75 and \$2.40 per doz.

Brown Turkish, regular 35c. goods \$3.00 per doz.

Brown Linen Turkish Towels, regular 75c each. Friday and Saturday, 50c each.

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No wide-awake housekeepers should let this opportunity go by. These prices are for these two days only—

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Goods suitably packed for transportation by Sleighs or otherwise. Requisite Custom House Papers prepared free of charge.

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Cruel Hardships Cause Several Deaths—Another Blot on Seattle Shipping.

From the Seattle Daily Times.

Dead, dying, crazed and crazy, weak, tottering and fainting, is the story told of the nearly 200 passengers of the schooner Hera, which has arrived by the aid of a tug from Cape Plattery and Cape Nome this morning. Like a thief in the night, or a sheep-killing dog, afraid to face the light of day with honest men looking on, the piratical-looking craft crept past the city, silently and without noise, and cast her anchor in the upper bay, close in against the foul-smelling old fertilizer factory.

The captain didn't want to see reporters, said some of the passengers, and it certainly appeared as if he wanted to hide and have his arrival pass unnoticed. After coming to anchor the Sea Lion, which brought the Hera in, cut loose and headed for the bunkers, leaving the Hera's passengers aboard and half a mile from the landing, which they finally made by the aid of small boats.

These craft, seeing the opportunity, don't put off and in a short time were conveying the Hera's famishing and dying passengers to shore.

The story of the voyage of the Hera is quite as bad almost as any that ever came down from the much-despised Edmunt trail, for it is a story of death and starvation.

Two deaths on the voyage down, chargeable, according to the passengers' story, to starvation and a lack of attention, a dozen other men so ill as not to be able to take care of themselves, and others crazed and with minds gone by the exposures they have been forced to undergo on board.

The Hera, belonging to the Blue Star line, according to the story of her passengers, sailed from Nome on September 26, and had been at sea long before her provisions began to run out. The passengers claim that Ryan, the agent of the Blue Star line, gave his assurance at Nome that there was plenty of everything on board for the voyage down.

The passengers had paid \$50 each for passage and grub. They were guaranteed by Ryan that the grub was all right, plenty of it, and wholesome and good. The accommodations, Ryan told them, for sleeping, would be rough, but otherwise everything would be perfect.

It was not very long before the meat, sugar and butter disappeared from the bill of fare. The meat consisted of salt horse and a limited supply of dried mutton. The supply of dried fruits seemed to consist from the first of only one box of prunes and one box of dried peaches, enough to supply the table with peaches three times and prunes twice. As to potatoes, some of the passengers say that not a potato was seen aboard the ship.

The only thing there seemed to be plenty of was flour. The ship never ran out of that, and the last four days the bill of fare was bread made from sour dough, and coffee.

The salt horse was counted a very poor quality by some of the passengers interviewed. Of this there was enough to ration out to last up to four days ago, when the last of that commodity was gone. Then it was flour and water.

The schooner was luckily saved from the horrors of a water famine by copious showers of rain, which fell during the last days of the voyage.

On October 16, J. S. Ryan, a young man from Sacramento, Cal., died, and the passengers say that his death is due to the starvation he was subjected to, coupled with the lack of attention and lack of medicine aboard the ship.

Ryan was previously well to all appearances, and was on his feet up to two days before he died. He was evidently weak and out of condition when he came aboard. The overcrowding aboard, ill ventilation, lack of necessities, forced exposure, soon brought on a crisis which carried him off. Ryan was seen to go on deck in his bare feet. According to the story of some of the passengers he was practically compelled to take care of himself. After he died the body was kept for forty-eight hours and then buried at sea. It was wrapped in canvas and wound with a flag, an anchor was attached to it and it was cast from the bows to the sea.

Just at the moment of launching the body overboard a monstrous sea came on deck and nearly carried the eight or ten men engaged in the launching overboard. Luckily they all escaped with canvas and wound with a flag, an anchor was attached to it and it was cast from the bows to the sea.

The case of George Lambly, who died, was similar to that of Ryan. The story of one was the story of the other. None to look after them, becoming weak from lack of nourishing food, then the almost total lack of medicine and absence of all food suitable to the sick, soon developed into typhoid fever, which was not long in doing its worst.

Wiseman's story is backed up by many others, among them Frank Newman of this city, R. Ritchie and any number of others.

George Lambly died on the 21st at 6 o'clock in the morning and his body was still on deck when the Hera came to anchor near the old fertilizer factory. Lambly was said to have been robbed of \$400 in dust just before sailing from Cape Nome.

It was yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock that those aboard the Hera saw the black line of smoke on the distant horizon that indicated an approaching vessel. It was almost certain that it was a relief tug or steamer sent out to them by the Lakme. So it proved. Soon two lines of smoke were in sight, the Sea Lion and the United States steamer Grant. The Grant was the first to run alongside and speak the distressed vessel. She was then about fifty miles off Cape Plattery, not far removed from where the Lakme had left her. The latter sent a man aboard and inquired if the passengers were in need of immediate drink or provisions, but finding that they had water and were not starving gave way for the tug Sea Lion, which was to take the schooner in tow. The

Sea Lion ran alongside and soon had provisions, meat and potatoes aboard, and without more ado took up the tow line and started on the long pull to Seattle. Both vessels reached this port after twenty-four hours of unbroken towing.

From the provisions the Sea Lion put aboard yesterday morning the men were given but one meal yesterday, although they had been fastening for over a week. Yesterday afternoon they asked for coffee and bread but did not get that. This morning, however, a meal was cooked up and served about 8 o'clock.

R. Ritchie, one of the passengers, said:

"We left Nome September 26 with 175 passengers, and were given on the start two meals a day. We soon ran out of food, as there did not appear to have been any supply at all. At Unalakleet the captain said there were provisions enough for ten days, but this was not borne out by the facts. The lack of proper food soon began to tell on the passengers. One man soon died and was buried at sea. Another followed. Another man dropped from sheer hunger and was carried below and put to bed. He simply faded away from weakness, and when he came to could not walk. One man so crazed and weak from lack of food and nourishment was kept lying on the dining table until meal time, when he was placed temporarily somewhere else."

"Yesterday morning there was only bread and coffee left. Had it not, rather, the last few days, men would have died of thirst. The ship had practically been out of water for a week. One man has gone crazy from lack of provisions, and is under guard all the time aboard."

The passengers all seemed to have forgotten the stories that had attended their voyage on the Nome beach in the terrible suffering that they had undergone coming home. Not a man of the 175 to 200 passengers but had dust, but they were in many cases almost too weak to carry it ashore. Peter Anderson, of Chicago, went aboard the Hera a well man, happy in the thought that he would soon be home. This morning he came ashore so weak that it was with the greatest effort that he could walk. He was wasted almost to a shadow.

A Seattle man named McKinney said there were a dozen men aboard too weak and famished to be able to take care of themselves.

Frank Newman declared it as his belief that both Ryan and Lambly had died of starvation. Twenty-eight days at sea on miserable rations and the last ten days of the time spent in the streets of Seattle, and he and his brother, having the reputation of having been among the brightest and most honorable boys that ever sold papers in this city.

"There was a poor man on board the Hera," said Newman, "nor a poor man at Nome. It is the greatest place on earth. A man can pick up gold from the beach anywhere. Nome is a great big place now. When I went there, there was only a house and two or three tents."

There was much complaint that the Hera should anchor out in the bay and put her 200 people to the expense of paying their way ashore. None of the men seemed to know why the captain had done so, unless it was that he was ashamed to come ashore. The men say there is no doubt there would have been a lynching had the agent of the ship, Ryan, been aboard. There is not so much complaint heard against the captain. It was Ryan who dealt with the passengers at Nome, and made so many promises, every one of which was broken.

The passengers say, too, that it was lucky the relief came to them when it did. For several days they had been trying to get up to and past Cape Plattery, but every time they would get close in they were beaten back by contrary winds. Just as they were picked up a severe storm came on, or appeared to be coming up, and the Hera would probably have been driven back to sea once more.

COMPLIMENT TO HUGH JOHN.
Government Proposal to Send to Transvaal the Opposition Leader
For Manitoba.

From the Winnipeg Telegram.
"Is it a fact, Mr. Macdonald, that the Canadian Transvaal contingent?" asked a telegram reporter of the leader of the local opposition yesterday.

"Well, I have not had a definite offer," replied Mr. Macdonald, "but I suppose it amounts to very much the same thing. I have had a telegram from the minister of militia, asking me if I would like to go if the command were offered me; and I do not suppose Dr. Borden would have made the suggestion if he had not promised to offer me the command in case I was willing to take it."

"And were you willing?"

"I may say that ever since the idea of a Canadian contingent has been mooted I have been personally very anxious to go with our boys if any were sent. It is possible that Dr. Borden may have heard of, or divined, my personal feeling in the matter, and has been good enough to think of me in connection with the command. That is a compliment which I certainly had no right to expect, and which I most highly appreciate, coming as it does from my political opponents, and especially in view of the fact that I have been on the retired list for a number of years. As I have said, if I consulted my own feelings I should not hesitate about accepting. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see active service once more with the men of my own battalion. But on mentioning the matter to my political friends they have, one and all, absolutely insisted on my remaining in the country to lead the campaign in the impending election. I have told them that I am so confident in beating the Greenway government that I believe we shall win, whether I am here or in South Africa. But they protest so strongly against my leaving at the present juncture that, yielding to the majority of the party as to my personal inclination, I have yielded to their wishes. I may say that my regret at not going is compensated for in some degree by the knowledge that the command of the Manitoba company goes to a first-class officer, possibly more efficient than myself; and I shall certainly be with our boys in spirit, if not in person, on the Africanveldt."

PECCARIAN AND PERTINENT.
The Chinese are much impressed with the power of the sewing machine and to meet their demand for those helps to busy women some American firms lately sent a shipment to Bangkok, valued at about \$103,750.

In 1845 the denendence of Ireland began in earnest, and it has kept up ever since. In that year the population was \$2,295,061, the high water mark. On the 30th of last June it was 4,531,051, the lowest ever known.

One of the laundry trade journals recently noticed a new antiseptic which is intended to sterilize clothes when being laundered, thereby preventing contagion. A formaldehyde solution is solidified, and this is used by laundries.

A GREAT RHEUMATIC REMEDY.
Mr. H. B. West, Water Street, Vancouver, writes: I have been suffering from a very painful attack of rheumatism in my right shoulder, and could not attempt to raise my arm, so great was the pain. Griffiths' Mental Linctant was applied, and in less than four hours the pain entirely left it, and I could use my arm freely. It is truly a wonderful remedy.

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THE LOCAL NEWS.

Coming to Victoria.—J. W. Bengough, the well-known cartoonist and lecturer, is to give addresses in the O. U. W. hall on November 22 and 24.

National Council of Women.—A telegram was received yesterday from Lady Aberdeen, representing the National Council of Women of Canada, accepting the invitation of Victoria for the annual meeting in 1900.

Mail Contract.—The post office department is calling for tenders for carrying the mail daily between the Victoria & Sidney railway station and the Victoria post office, from January 1. Tenders will be received up to December 1.

At Spring Ridge.—A concert will be given in the Spring Ridge hall this evening at 8 o'clock. Among those who will contribute to the programme will be Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. E. G. Miller, Mrs. Arrowsmith, Mrs. C. Cox, and Messrs. Longfield and Hantsch.

Action Remitted.—In Supreme court chambers yesterday the trial of Shaw vs. Johnson was remitted to the court of Cariboo, the date to be fixed at Ashcroft. Application was made by the defendants in Bird vs. Veith & Borden for security for costs in the sum of \$2,500 to cover the costs of the first trial, the appeal and the proposed new trial. Judgment was reserved.

DOUGLAS MANDOLIN CLUB.
A Splendid and Well Attended Entertainment Given in Institute Hall Last Evening.

The Douglas Mandolin Club, under the leadership of the well known musician, Mr. Henry Strauss, gave a delightful concert in Institute hall last evening. The club was assisted by Mrs. Helmecken, Mrs. Langworthy, Miss N. Powell and Miss Loeven. There was a good attendance, despite unfavorable weather. Nine numbers were on the programme, the club playing a double selection in opening. The selections were:

(a) "Amore Constante"Solezfore Mutti (b) "Songe d'Amour"Alph. Czibulka Violin: Master H. Foot on the violoncello, was a true little Miss G. Shrapnell on the violin; Master H. Foot on the violoncello, and Mr. H. Strauss at the piano. The music was Third Movement from Sonata Op. 35 Prayer from Mendel.Wagner (c) Minuet Op. 4, arr. by Henry Strauss.

All three were splendidly received. Miss Loeven's always pleasing mezzo soprano was next heard in the solo, "Open Now My Heart." She gave an encore "Midsummer Dreams," and the first part of the programme was brought to a close by selections from the club, first E. Gillet's "Catherine Street," then G. Rosey's "The Rain-bow Dance," and lastly Rossini's "Benedetto Seductor."

In the second part of the programme there were a piano solo by Mr. Henry Strauss, a song by Mrs. Helmecken, a recitation by Miss N. Powell, and some more selections by the club. Mr. Strauss played a Polka, Op. 11, No. 6, and the "Cracovienne Fantastique" Op. 14 from Fredereski. Mrs. Helmecken sang in splendid voice Foster's "Serenade," giving as an encore "Sweet Upon My Little Heart." In the club's next appearance their strongest number of the evening was given, C. Sambranga's "Fueco Patrua," which was followed by the pretty French gavotte, Miss N. Powell recited "That Old Sweetheart of Mine," and as an encore gave a selection in broken French dialect.

The Mandolin Club is made up as follows: First mandolin—Mrs. J. H. Harris; Mrs. G. Shaw, Miss B. Christie and Miss Nora Bell. Second mandolins—Miss Hayward, Miss Lawson, Miss G. Hickey and Mr. R. Harris. Violins—Miss Alice Bell and Mr. C. Harris. Mandolin—Mr. C. Harris. Guitars—Mrs. Langworthy, Miss C. Christie, Miss Storey, Miss H. Harris, Miss Hickey and Mr. Holt. Conductor—Mr. Henry Strauss.

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MARINES FOR MANILA.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Secretary Long has issued an order for the despatch of another battalion of marines to Cavite, the naval station near Manila. The marines are now being gathered together from Washington, League Island and Boston, and probably will be transported to the Philippines on the cruiser Buffalo.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

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16—Humboldt and Rupert streets.
20—Port and Government streets.
24—Yates and Wharf streets.
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35—Yates and Fernwood streets.
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